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# TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH

## Report of the Second Committee

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Training and Research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 17th, 41st and 49th meetings, on 24 October, 13 November and 5 December 1997. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/52/SR.17, 41 and 49). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 9th meetings, from 13 to 16 October (see A/C.2/52/SR.3-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report approved by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, entitled "Completion of the restructuring of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 47/227" (A/52/367);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/52/492);

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(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Training institutions in the United Nations system: programmes and activities" (A/52/599).

4. At the 17th meeting, on 24 October, the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/52/SR.17).

5. At the 41st meeting, on 13 November, the representative of the Joint Inspection Unit made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/52/SR.41).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/52/L.32 AND A/C.2/52/L.52

6. At the 43rd meeting, on 19 November, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, and Australia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/52/L.32) entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research", which read:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 47/227 of 8 April 1993, 48/207 of 21 December 1993, 49/125 of 19 December 1994, 50/121 of 20 December 1995 and 51/188 of 16 December 1996,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,[1] the report approved by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, entitled "Completion of the restructuring of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 47/227",[2] and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,[3]

"Welcoming the successful restructuring of the Institute and the recent progress made by the Institute in its various programmes and activities, including the improved cooperation that has been established with other organizations of the United Nations system and with regional and national institutions,

"Expressing its appreciation to the Governments and private institutions that have made or pledged financial and other contributions to the Institute,

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[1] A/52/492.

[2] A/52/367, annex.

[3] A/52/559, annex.

"Reiterating that the funding of training programmes offered at the specific request of States or departments and units of the Organization and other organs of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies should be arranged by the requesting parties,

"Recognizing that training activities should be accorded a more visible and larger role in support of the management of international affairs and in the execution of the economic and social development programmes of the United Nations system,

"1. Reaffirms the particular role of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in view of the growing importance of training within the United Nations and the training requirements of States, and the pertinence of research activities related to training undertaken by the Institute within its mandate;

"2. Invites the Institute to further strengthen its cooperation with other United Nations institutes and relevant national, regional and international institutes, as well as in relation to projects;

"3. Renews its appeal to all Governments and to private institutions that have not yet contributed financially or otherwise to the Institute to give it their generous financial and other support, and urges the States that interrupted their voluntary contributions to consider resuming them in the light of the successful restructuring and revitalization of the Institute;

"4. Endorses the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit for an effective division of labour among United Nations training institutions, namely:

"(a) To entrust the United Nations Institute for Training and Research with, in addition to its current activities, clearing-house functions as regards the needs of personnel from States;

"(b) To request the United Nations University to continue its role as the lead entity dealing with research, including research into common training policies;

"(c) To have the United Nations Staff College Project - once its legal status has been modified from its present status as a project - focus on clearing-house functions as regards the training of United Nations systems staff members;

"5. Welcomes the initiative of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Director to explore the possibility of the Institute becoming an executing agent or partner of the agencies and bodies of the United Nations system with respect to their training programmes, especially those for developing countries and countries in transition;

"6. Calls on the Secretary-General to explore ways and means to provide additional facilities to the Institute for conducting programmes and training courses that are provided at no cost to States, and to their representatives accredited to United Nations offices in New York, Nairobi, Geneva and Vienna;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Executive Director of the Institute, as well as with the heads of United Nations funds and programmes, to explore ways and modalities to systematically utilize the Institute in the execution of training and capacity-building programmes and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session."

7. At the 49th meeting, on 5 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/52/L.52), submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.52, (see para. 10).

9. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.52, draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

## III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/227 of 8 April 1993, 48/207 of 21 December 1993, 49/125 of 19 December 1994, 50/121 of 20 December 1995 and 51/188 of 16 December 1996,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,[4] the report of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on the activities of the Institute[5] and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,[6]

Welcoming the successful restructuring of the Institute and the recent progress made by the Institute in its various programmes and activities,

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[4] A/52/492.

[5] A/52/367, annex.

[6] A/52/559, annex.

including the improved cooperation that has been established with other organizations of the United Nations system and with regional and national institutions,

Expressing its appreciation to the Governments and private institutions that have made or pledged financial and other contributions to the Institute,

Reiterating that the funding of training programmes offered at the specific request of States or departments and units of the Organization and other organs of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies should be arranged by the requesting parties,

Recognizing that training activities should be accorded a more visible and larger role in support of the management of international affairs and in the execution of the economic and social development programmes of the United Nations system,

1. Reaffirms the relevance of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in view of the growing importance of training within the United Nations and the training requirements of States, and the pertinence of research activities related to training undertaken by the Institute within its mandate;

2. Invites the Institute to further strengthen its cooperation with other United Nations institutes and relevant national, regional and international institutes, as well as with projects;

3. Renews its appeal to all Governments and to private institutions that have not yet contributed financially or otherwise to the Institute to give it their generous financial and other support, and urges the States that interrupted their voluntary contributions to consider resuming them in the light of the successful restructuring and revitalization of the Institute;

4. Stresses the need for an effective division of labour among the main training and research institutions of the United Nations system, taking into account the distinct and complementary mandates of the United Nations University, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the United Nations Staff College Project, and in this regard notes the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit;

5. Also stresses the need for better coordination among the main training and research institutions of the United Nations system and, in this regard, notes the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit;

6. Further stresses in this regard the need for the General Assembly to consider all major training issues in a coherent manner without prejudice to its resolution 50/227;

7. Welcomes the initiative of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Director to explore the possibilities for the Institute to become a partner of the agencies and bodies of the United Nations system with respect to their training programmes, especially for developing countries and countries in transition consistent with the division of labour;

8. Requests the Board of Trustees to attract, to the extent possible, experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition for the preparation of the relevant training materials for the programmes and activities of the Institute;

9. Calls on the Secretary-General to explore all possible ways and means to provide additional facilities to the Institute for conducting programmes and training courses that are provided at no cost to States, and to their representatives accredited to United Nations offices in New York, Nairobi, Geneva and Vienna;

10. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Institute, as well as with the United Nations funds and programmes, to explore ways and modalities to systematically utilize the Institute in the execution of training and capacity-building programmes;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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